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1. The majority of the troops of 9 Infantry Regiment, deployed at Plovdiv, were transferred last month to some locality in the south, toward the Greek frontier. All the arms and other material were also transferred which supports the belief that the troops will remain away from Plovdiv for some time. The 9 Regiment belongs to 2 Infantry Division.
2. The 39 Infantry Regiment, forming part of 7 Division, was reported to be at Nevrokop last month, together with the following units:
 - a. One mountain artillery battery, probably belonging to 1 Regiment of 1 Division with headquarters at Sofia. The command headquarters of the battery are located at Razlog, about 50 kilometers north of Nevrokop.
 - b. The command headquarters of 7 Battalion of frontier Guards.
3. At Nevrokop there is also a field hospital for the treatment of wounded Greek Partisans.
4. A Soviet general, unidentified, has been stationed at Plovdiv for the last two months. His exact assignment is unknown. Some reports, however, indicate that he is either in command of 2 Army Corps, which is deployed near the Greek frontier, or is in charge of the organization for assistance to Markos' troops.
5. The commander of 2 Army Corps last month called a meeting of all his officers, threatening to execute without trial anyone conducting propaganda against the USSR. Observers believe that this measure was taken because of some cases of opposition to the present regime on the part of some officers.
6. It was reported that the Bulgarian military authorities plan to replace the militia units currently deployed in certain sections of the frontier with troops from Sofia, which are considered more reliable.

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